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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

2001 Report to the Joint Committee on Information Policy
Regarding the Status of Investment In Advanced
Telecommunications Infrastructure

05-ST-112

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION

Comments Due:
Friday, May 25, 2001 - Noon

FAX Due:
Thursday, May 24, 2001 - Noon

Address Comments to:
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THIS IS A PROCEEDING, on the Commission's own motion, to gather information needed for a report describing the status of investments in advanced telecommunications infrastructure in Wisconsin. The next biennial report¹ to the Joint Committee on Information Policy, mandated by Wis. Stat. §196.196(5)(f), must be submitted before January 1, 2002. The statute specifies that the report include information on the progress made in:

- a. Distance learning, including the number of schools and other educational institutions connected to distance learning networks.
- b. Interconnection of libraries, including the number of libraries with video conferencing and network access capabilities.
- c. Access to health care.
- d. Education, healthcare and employment opportunities for the disabled and other persons in the home.
- e. Integrated services digital network (ISDN) deployment.
- f. Other infrastructure investments identified by the Commission.

¹ The 1999 Biennial Report to the Joint Committee on Information Policy is available on the PSC web site at <http://www.psc.state.wi.us/writings/papers/tele/infra99/index.htm>. The report is titled "Status of Investments in Advanced Telecommunications Infrastructure" December 1999.

The Commission is also required to include in the report recommendations for improving the progress of investments in advanced telecommunications infrastructure.

In the 2001 report, the Commission intends to provide a comparison of recent information on the availability and use of these services to the information contained in the previous reports.

To obtain information for this report, the Commission will need input from providers and users of advanced telecommunications services in Wisconsin. Assistance in obtaining data on distance education, libraries, health care, and the use of telecommunications to improve access to services for persons with disabilities will be particularly useful.

Comments are also being solicited on the usefulness of the previous reports, additional topics that would be of interest to the legislature regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications infrastructure and on possible sources for information. In addition, a data request, similar to those used in the previous reports, will be sent to telecommunications providers in the state to obtain current information on specific areas of advanced technologies and infrastructure. At this time, the Commission does not intend to hold a hearing on this docket.

Any person may submit written comments on this proceeding. Comments will be accepted **until May 25, 2001 at noon (or May 24 by noon if filing by fax)**. Address comments as shown in the box on page 1 and include the docket number 05-ST-112. Industry comments should include an original and four (4) copies. Members of the general public need only file an original. If filing by fax, state “**Official Filing**” the docket number (05-ST-112) and the number of pages (limited to 20 for fax filing).

A list of participants providing written comments, with the names of the contact people, will be available upon request by contacting Judith Klug, case coordinator, at (608)-267-1204 or klugj@psc.state.wi.us. Individuals are expected to make their own arrangements to obtain copies of the comments submitted, either directly from those submitting the comments or from the Commission’s Records Management unit at (608) 261-8524. There may be a charge for copies. Other questions regarding this notice or the report should be directed to Judith Klug.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Judith Klug at (608) 267-1204.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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